



## Community News

### Over 150 Children Receive Free Dental Screenings at Event Hosted by Assemblymember Hayashi



Thanks to the dental professionals from the Southern Alameda County Dental Society, more than 150 Hayward, San Lorenzo, San Leandro and Castro Valley kindergarten and first grade students received free dental screenings at Southland Mall on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Each participating child received a free dental kit that included a free toothbrush, toothpaste, and an autographed baseball card.

Since January, a new state law requires children entering kindergarten or first grade to have a dental check-up by May 31<sup>st</sup> of their first year of school. Reason being, dental problems account for over 500,000 school absences each year in California. Oral health assessments

have the ability to detect early tooth decay, the number one chronic health problem affecting our children. Parents and the children were given advice on how each can take preventative measures to curb tooth decay.



### Assemblymember Hayashi Appointed to Assembly Health Care Working Group

Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez appointed Assemblymember Mary Hayashi to the Working Group on Health Care Reform during the Governor's Special Session. Speaker Núñez also appointed Majority Leader Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles) and Assemblymembers Hector De La Torre (D-South Gate), Mervyn Dymally (D-Los Angeles), Patty Berg (D-Eureka), Mark DeSaulnier (D-Martinez), and Ed Hernandez (D-Baldwin Park) to the group. This year, health care reform ranks as the state's highest priority.

Speaker Núñez stated, “They represent the broad diversity of views in our caucus and are all committed to helping us achieve consensus with the Governor and the state Senate.”

## **Hayashi Holds Select Committee on Community Colleges Hearing In Response to Diablo Valley College Grade Scam**



Assemblymember Hayashi convened an Assembly Select Committee on Community Colleges Hearing on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the City of Pleasant Hill’s City Council Chambers to address the Diablo Valley College grade changing incident that began as early as the year 2000.

The hearing invited Contra Costa Community College District Chancellor Helen Benjamin and former Diablo Valley College President Diane Scott-Summers to discuss how the college has improved its security procedures for student records since the scam became known in January 2006. Prior to the change in security protocol,

over 100 individuals had access to admission records including student workers. It has been reported that more than 400 student grades have been fraudulently changed since 2000. Thirty-four people have been charged with various crimes including fraudulent computer access, conspiracy and fraudulent use of a diploma. At the hearing, Chancellor Benjamin stated that the number of individuals who currently have access to change grades in the entire district is now seven.

## **Hayashi and Local Chambers Launch Contest Entitled “Assemblymember Give this Regulation an Extreme Makeover!”**

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, in conjunction with the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, is inviting local business leaders and owners to participate in a contest entitled, “Assemblymember – Give this Regulation an Extreme Makeover!”. This is a first of its kind effort in California, intended to solicit valuable feedback from business leaders with regards to the impact of state regulations. To participate, business leaders are asked to identify and submit a specific state regulation that is useless both in form and/or function and creates an undue burden on the business community.



For the winning entry, Assemblymember Hayashi will dedicate part of her 2008 legislative program to have the regulation deleted or amended either by the introduction of legislation or other means. The winner will also be invited to present and defend the rationale for such change in a private meeting with the head of the administering state agency. To enter the contest online, [please click here](#). To submit your entry via mail, you must [download and completely fill-out the .pdf form](#) and then mail your form to: Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, c/o Assemblymember – Give this Regulation an Extreme

Makeover!, 22320 Foothill Blvd., Suite 540, Hayward, CA 94588. All mailed entries must be postmarked by November 16, 2007.

## American Red Cross Honors Mrs. Jacqueline Coats' Husband at Annual Hero's Gala



The American Red Cross – Bay Area Chapter honored Mrs. Jacqueline Coats' late husband, Mr. Marlin Coats, during its Save the Day Hero's Gala. Mr. Marlin Coats lost his life trying to save two boys caught in rip tide currents at Ocean Beach in San Francisco. Assemblymember Hayashi spoke at the event to inform the audience that due to Marlin's death, Jackie now faces deportation.

Over the past few weeks since Assemblymember Hayashi began a national petition to keep Jackie in the United States, more than 1,000 people have signed the petition at [www.helpjackie.info](http://www.helpjackie.info). Additionally, Mrs. Coats has received a tremendous amount of state and national news coverage. Most Americans find it unconscionable that a hero's widow is kept from remaining in the U.S. to honor and memorialize her husband's grave.

Since our last Community News and Events, the City of San Leandro, Alameda County, and the Alameda County Democratic Party have passed resolutions supporting S 420 and the right for Jackie to stay in the USA.

## The Largest Homeland Security Training Exercise - Urban Shield - Takes Place in Alameda County



In late September, nearly 300 public safety professionals from across the nation participated in the largest homeland security training exercise called Urban Shield. Organized by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, the training consisted of 50 hours of tactical operations involving 22 different mock emergencies. The public safety professionals were divided into twenty-four tactical SWAT teams of seven or eight people and confronted with realistic but staged terrorist attacks at locations such as a college campus to an airline hijacking at an airport.

At the end of the activities, Assemblymember Hayashi received a briefing of the results and took a tour of the latest terrorist response equipment available in Alameda County.



Congratulations and thanks to all the brave men and women from our public safety agencies who participated!

## Cherryland Area Receives State Grants for Safe Routes to Schools



The unincorporated Cherryland area recently celebrated the completion of a pedestrian safety redevelopment project. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Cherryland Elementary to showcase the new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and landscaping for the neighborhood. Working together with the Alameda County Redevelopment Agency, Public Works Agency, Redevelopment Citizens Advisory Council and the Cherryland Association, the \$15 million project included nearly \$500,000 from the State Safe Routes to Schools which was passed by the legislature and is currently administered by the California Department of Transportation.

As Cherryland transitioned from agricultural uses to a suburban residential community, the neighborhood was built without sidewalks. Now with the completion of the project, children and parents can enjoy walking to school, work, or community businesses. Congratulations Cherryland!

## **Upcoming Events**

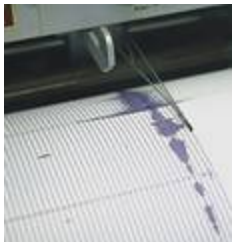
### Three Mobile District Offices Planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> District

Assemblymember Hayashi is hosting three Mobile District Offices throughout the month of October. Assemblymember Hayashi's staff will be available to answer questions you might have regarding a state agency and/or to provide insightful brochures on healthcare, environment, and senior issues.

- Saturday - October 13<sup>th</sup>, San Leandro Farmers' Market, Bay Fair Mall, San Leandro from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday – October 13<sup>th</sup>, Southern Alameda County BiNational Health Fair, Hayward City Hall, Hayward from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday – October 20<sup>th</sup>, Chabot College Homecoming, Chabot Community College, 25555 Hesperian Ave., Hayward from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please call the district office at (510) 583-8818.

### Earthquake Preparedness Forum for Mobile Home Parks – October 22<sup>nd</sup>

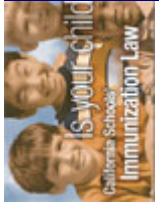


Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, Hayward Fire Department, Hayward Police Department and the American Red Cross will present an Earthquake Preparedness Workshop on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the New England Village Mobile Home Park, Club House, located at 940 New England Village Drive in Hayward. Residents will hear from the experts on ways they can protect their families and be prepared in the event of an earthquake. Speakers will provide information on family disaster plans, earthquake safety, security after an earthquake, how to build a disaster supply kit and useful techniques on caring for pets and keeping them safe.

Free literature and a limited number of free emergency kits and emergency light sticks will be provided for those who attend.

## Resources Available

### Publications Available



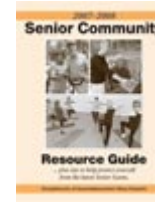
Child Immunization Law



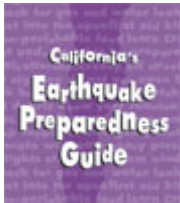
Ovarian Cancer Resource Guide



High Blood Pressure



Senior Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Over the next few weeks, copies will be made available throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

### State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi) and click on the *[State Resources Websites](#)* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

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